an intelligent controller having associated therewith a means for accessing said programming material in response to receiving said coded signal; and a display unit for presenting said programming material.

- machine recognizable feature has associated therewith a data link which is recognized by said recognition unit.
- 170. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an image data link.
- 171. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a video data link.
- 172. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a programming data link.
- 173. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a sound data link.

- 174. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an online data link.
- 175. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a online shopping data link.
- 176. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises a pictorial data link.
- 177. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an electronic data link.
- 178. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an electronic media link.
- 179. A system as defined in claim 169 wherein said data link comprises an "information superhighway" data link.
- 180. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises the internet.

- 181. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises the world wide web.
- 182. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information . superhighway" data link comprises a computer network.
- 183. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an ISDN network.
- 184. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a telephone line.

- 2185. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a CATV line.
- 186. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a local area network.
- 187. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a wide area network.

- 188. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a data communications network.
- 189. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an Internet Product Service Directory.
- 190. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a globally based digital communications network.
- 191. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a wireless network link.
- 192. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a Wireless Application Protocol internet.
- 193. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises an ethernet network.



- 194. A system as defined in claim 179 wherein said "information superhighway" data link comprises a RF cellular network.
 - 195. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a bar code.
 - 196. A system as defined in claim 195 wherein said bar code comprises a Universal Product Code.
 - 197. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible bar code.
 - 198. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a magnetic code.
 - 199. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a printed character.
 - 200. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a symbol.

- 201. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a pictorial icon.
- 202. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible indicia.
- 203. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a two-dimensional figure.
- 204. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an icon.
- 205. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible icon.
- 206. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a watermark.
- 207. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an invisible

watermark.

- 208. A system as defined in claim 207 wherein said invisible watermark comprises a digital watermark.
- 209. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a series of alphanumeric characters.
- 210. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a binary code.
- 211. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a digital watermark.
- 212. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a magnetic strip.
- 213. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a code.

- 214. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an on line shopping product code.
- 215. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a home shopping product code.
- 216. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an online shopping service code.
- 217. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a home shopping service code.
- 218. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises an analog pattern.
- 219. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said at least one machine recognizable feature comprises a hieroglyphic

- 220. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said programming material comprises information.
- 221. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said programming material comprises a service.
- 222. A system as defined in claim 221 wherein said service comprises accessing a Web page related to an organization printed on said stationery.
- 223. A system as defined in claim 221 wherein said service comprises accessing a Web page related to an individual sending said stationery.
- 224. A system as defined in claim 221 wherein said service includes displaying promotional programming on said display unit of said user.
- 225. A system as defined in claim 221 wherein said service

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- 226. A system as defined in claim 221 wherein said service includes conducting an interaction between a plurality of users via an online communication chat link.
- 227. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a personal computer.
- 228. A system as defined in claim 227 wherein said personal computer comprises a laptop computer.
- 229. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a television.
- 230. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a device containing a microprocessor.
- 231. A system as defined in claim 230 wherein said device containing a microprocessor is hand-held.

- 232. A system as defined in claim 230 wherein said device containing a microprocessor is portable.
- 233. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a personal digital planner.
- 234. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an internet appliance.
- 235. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a cellular telephone.
- 236. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a wireless communication device.
- 237. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a simulated book.
- 238. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an intelligent terminal.

- 239. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a web-based television.
- 240. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises a pager.
- 241. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said display unit comprises an Internet-enabled telephone.
- 242. A system as defined in claim 168 wherein said recognition unit is selected from a group consisting of a hand-held unit, a scanner, a bar code scanner, an optical code reader, an optical reader, a personal camera, a personal computer reader, a digital camera, a digital mouse and an optical mouse.
- 243. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a personal computer.
- 244. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a wireless interface.

- 245. A system as defined in claim 244 wherein said wireless interface comprises a wireless network.
- 246. A system as defined in claim 245 wherein said wireless network comprises a cellular network.
- 247. A system as defined in claim 244 wherein said wireless interface comprises a cellular telephone.
- 248. A system as defined in claim 244 wherein said wireless interface comprises a pager.
- 249. A system as defined in claim 244 wherein said wireless interface comprises a wireless personal computer.
- 250. A system as defined in claim 244 wherein said wireless interface comprises a personal digital assistant.
- 251. A system as defined in Claim 242 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a personal digital assistant.

- 252. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit is linked to an Internet appliance.
- 253. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit is linked to a television set.
- 254. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a cellular telephone.
- 255. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a personal digital assistant.
- 256. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a remote control unit.
- 257. A system as defined in claim 242 wherein said recognition unit comprises a portion of a handwriting implement.
- 258. A method of providing a user access to programming material, comprising the steps of:

scanning said machine recognizable feature of said printed stationary; and

imprinting a machibe recognizable feature within a

recognizable feature via a communication link to access said programming material, wherein said programming material is related to said printed stationary.

- 259. The method of claim 258 wherein said communication link includes the Internet.
- 260. The method of claim 258 wherein said machine recognizable feature is selected from a group consisting of bar code, universal product code, invisible bar code, magnetic code, printed character, symbol con, invisible indicia, two-dimensional figure, icon, invisible icon, watermark, invisible watermark, digital watermark, series of alphanumeric characters, binary code, digital watermark, magnetic strip, code, analog pattern, and hieroglyphic

261. A method of providing a user access to supplemental programming material associated with a printed stationary, comprising the steps of:

imprinting a machine recognizable feature within said printed stationary wherein said machine recognizable feature has associated therewith a command sequence for accessing programming material;

scanning said machine recognizable feature within said printed stationary and downloading data indicative of said machine recognizable feature via the Internet to a remote server;

accessing programming material from said remote server;

transmitting said programming material to said user allowing said user to perceive said programming material in a humanly perceivable form, wherein said programming material is related to said printed stationary.

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- 262. The method of claim 261 wherein said programming material comprises multimedia.
- 263. The method of claim 161 wherein said machine recognizable feature is selected from a group consisting of a bar code, a universal product code, invisible bar code, magnetic code, printed character, symbol, icon, invisible indicia, two-dimensional figure, icon, invisible icon, watermark, invisible watermark, digital watermark, series of alphanumeric characters, binary code, digital watermark, magnetic strip, code, analog pattern, and hieroglyphic character.